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TO WITHDRAW

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD'S
REPLY, DATED NOVEMBER 10, TO SECRETARY OF STATE'S LETTER
GIVING NOTICE OF U.S. INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO.

BEGIN TEXT

10 NOV 1975

DEAR MR. SECRETARY OF STATE,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR
COMMUNICATION OF 5 NOVEMBER 1975 INFORMING ME, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, PARA-
GRAPH 5, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOUR ORGANISATION, OF THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERN-
MENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ORGANI-
SATION.

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PARAGRAPH 5 OF ARTICLE 1 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION PROVIDES AS
FOLLOWS:

"NO MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR
ORGANISATION MAY WITHDRAW FROM THE ORGANISATION
WITHOUT GIVING NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION SO TO DO
TO THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOUR OFFICE. SUCH NOTICE SHALL TAKE EFFECT
TWO YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF ITS RECEPTION BY THE
DIRECTOR-GENERAL, SUBJECT TO THE MEMBER HAVING
AT THAT TIME FULFILLED ALL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS
ARISING OUT OF ITS MEMBERSHIP. WHEN A MEMBER
HAS RATIFIED ANY INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTION,
SUCH WITHDRAWAL SHALL NOT AFFECT THE CONTINUED
VALIDITY FOR THE PERIOD PROVIDED FOR IN THE CONVENTION
OF ALL OBLIGATIONS ARISING THEREUNDER
OR RELATING THERETO.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE PROVISIONS, THE NOTICE
OF ITS INTENTION TO WITHDRAW GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES, WHICH WAS RECEIVED BY ME ON
6 NOVEMBER 1975, WOULD TAKE EFFECT ON 6 NOVEMBER 1977.
THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE THEREAFTER TO BE
BOUND BY ALL OBLIGATIONS ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING
TO CONVENTIONS TO WHICH IT IS A PARTY FOR THE PERIOD
PROVIDED FOR THEREIN.

I HAVE, HOWEVER, NOTED FROM THE TERMS OF YOUR
COMMUNICATION THAT THE NOTICE OF INTENTION DOES NOT
MEAN THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS AT THIS STAGE DECIDED
THAT IT WILL WITHDRAW FROM THE ORGANISATION, AND THAT
INDEED IT NEITHER DESIRES NOR EXPECTS TO DO SO. I
VENTURE TO THINK THAT THE PURPOSES OF THE ORGANISATION
AS SET OUT IN ITS CONSTITUTION CONTINUE TO CALL FOR
CONCERTED WORLD ACTION, AND TO EXPRESS MY HOPE AND
TRUST THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL SEE ITS WAY TO
CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE IN SUCH ACTION.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL I SHALL
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CONTINUE TO DO MY UTMOST TO HELP ALL MEMBER STATES IN
THE FURTHERANCE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES FOR
WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION STANDS.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,
(SIGNED)
FRANCIS BLANCHARD,
DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

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